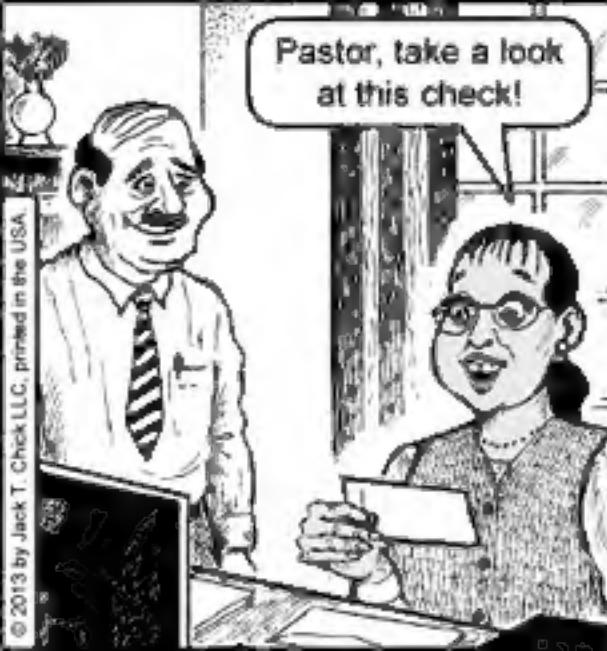





# THE LAST SURPRISE

J.T.C.




Pastor, take a look  
at this check!




35,000 dollars... It's from Frances  
Goodman. Was there a note?

Yes. She wants you to call her.



It's a donation. I want to recarpet the entire church.

That is so kind of you,  
Mrs. Goodman.



My late husband, Earl, didn't like  
the color you had! *Come here.*  
I'll *show* you the color he picked.

B-by all means, Mrs. Goodman!  
*A-anything* you say!



I hope she's  
in a good  
mood.



Dark green?

Yes! That's the  
color it'll be! You  
*agree*, of course.

Oh yes,  
of course.

We were members long  
before you came. When Earl  
made it big in real estate,  
we were your biggest  
contributors. **But now...**

(Gulp)



Did I *upset* you, Mrs. Goodman?

Your new youth pastor insulted me...

He asked me if *I* was "saved!" *ME!* My parents brought me to church as a baby. I grew up in the church. How *dare* he!



Oh, my!

We don't *need* people like that!

We need to preach *love* and unity. I want him *fired!*

But his wife was just diagnosed with...

Pastor, didn't you *hear* me?

Yes, Mrs. Goodman... I'll take care of it.

Next day

But Pastor, I've done as you asked. When I came, the youth group was into sex and drugs. Now these kids are clean and really seeking God.

I'm sorry, Glen, but people tell me you're causing problems.

I believe the Lord sent me here. Who have I offended?

Look — You insulted Mrs. Goodman! She insisted you go. *Issue closed!*

I'll pray for you, Pastor. She's controlling you with her money! Goodbye.

Pastor, we're so sorry Glen is gone. *What happened?*

*Everybody* loved him, especially my kids... I could see the change in my son!

I don't get it. His poor wife has cancer. He really needed his job, with another baby on the way.

I guess it was God's will.

No, it was *Mrs. Goodman's* will! I feel sick.

This is Frances Goodman again... All I can say is *good riddance!* We don't *need* fanatics. And another thing...



There are some changes I want you to make on your next sermon.

Pastor Baldwin, I'm talking to you! Answer me! Did you hang up on me? How *dare* you!



"Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart."  
Ecclesiastes 7:7



3 days later

What room is  
Pastor Baldwin in?

Are you related?

Yes, I'm  
his sister.

All right, but please, no  
flowers. He's in intensive  
care. You may only visit  
him for 5 minutes.

Wake up, for heaven's sake!  
I only have 5 minutes.

Cough  
Cough

It's *me*, Frances Goodman!  
*Wake up!* Why are those  
silly alarms turning on?

2 months later

I'm sorry, Mrs. Goodman,  
you can't go in there.

Nonsense! Of course I can.  
I just want to help him with  
his first sermon.

No! He's in conference.  
You'll have to make an  
appointment from now on.

Doesn't he know who I am?  
When Pastor Baldwin was alive,  
the door was *always* open to  
me. You're upsetting me!

I'm sorry Mrs Goodman. 'm only following instructions!  
Oh I almost forgot, I'm to give you back your check



Pastor Benson says our old carpet is just fine the way it is. and to thank you anyway

"thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous." Deuteronomy 16:19

I can't believe they want *me* to make an appointment!



Who does this **newcomer** think he is? *Humph!* I find this Pastor Benson both offensive and unacceptable. We *don't* need him.

Good morning everybody!  
I'm Pastor Glenn Benson  
Before I came here I served  
as a missionary for 36 years



I lived with people who had  
never heard of Jesus who  
were without hope And our  
job was to reach them

And we did! But there was a price!  
We faced the powers of darkness  
spiritual madness and total evil.



They worshipped devils and  
sacrificed their babies to  
Satan and we loved them



When you die, your soul  
will go to one of two  
places. One is heaven



When the apostle Paul was  
stoned in Lystra, he died. He saw  
beautiful things in heaven, but was  
forbidden to reveal them to us.

\*Acts 14:19

\*\*2 Corinthians 12:2-4

When God brought him back, he  
could only say: "I've had not seen,  
nor ear heard, neither have entered  
into the heart of man."



"the things which God hath  
prepared for them that love him."

\*1 Corinthians 2:9

Isn't that *exciting*?

But before we get into the Horrors of Hell know this there is an ongoing battle for your soul



There is a special word around us but we can't see it because it's covered with a veil

Behind this veil are angels of God but also fallen angels devils and spirits who harass us



Filling our minds with terrible thoughts to keep us from God and His words Know how this got started?

Adam's disobeying God\* brought sin to us all \*\* God forbids sin in heaven Adam lost control of the world and Satan grabbed it †



All have sinned and deserve hell ‡ that's why Jesus came to earth —to save our necks

\*Genesis 3 \*\*Romans 5 19

†Luke 4 6-7 ‡Romans 3 23

Satan moved sinful men to put the Creator\* of the universe on the cross



For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life John 3 16

God's Son, Jesus shed His blood to pay for our sins \*\* He died for us, but then

\*John 1 10 Colossians 1 13-16

\*\*Rev 1 5



Jesus rose from the dead! Satan  
ripped out \* Jesus opened the  
door for us to go to heaven

Believe that Jesus died for you. Admit  
you are a sinner. Receive Jesus as  
your Saviour and you'll escape hell.

That's God's love  
gift to you. If you  
try any other  
way\* your  
doom is sealed!

The second you die in your sins  
immediately your soul will go  
down into the pit of hell.

And what will you see? 

As your soul drops down into the pit instantly you will sense terror more horrible than you can imagine



Imagine the heat of an active volcano and the smell of sulphur —like rotten eggs

I *refuse* to believe that nonsense  
God is love —*He couldn't do that!*



The very *idea* of hell is  
unthinkable —it's hate speech!  
That preacher is *dangerous!*



On doomsday, all of those in hell will be cast into the lake of fire. This is called the second death.\*



Most pastors avoid preaching on hell because they're afraid people will leave their church. But people, ***you must be warned.***

\*Revelation 20:14-15


Come forward, and let's pray.  
Receive Jesus and be saved.  
"The Lord is... not willing that any should perish..."<sup>a</sup>



He's right! He ***preached*** on hell... and *I'm* leaving this place for good!

Amen, Sister!

<sup>a</sup>2 Peter 3:9

A black and white illustration of a man with a stern expression driving a car. In the background, a church with a steeple is visible. A speech bubble from the man says, "The nerve of that man, preaching on hell!".

The nerve of that man,  
preaching on hell!

He can go there,  
for all I care!

A black and white illustration of a car crashing through a red traffic light. The word "CRASH!" is written in large, bold letters across the scene. A person is seen running away from the crash site. A speech bubble from the person says, "She went through a red light! Call 911!".

**CRASH!**

She went through a  
red light! **Call 911!**

Hey, Gus... we lost her. This is weird, but just as she died I thought I smelled... rotten eggs.



Now I smell it —*phew!* Where in the world is it coming from?

Let go of me! Where are you taking me?

It's a surprise!



Heaven or hell  
—The choice is yours!

“...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved (from hell)...” Act 16:31

## THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

### **NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!**

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

### **WHAT TO PRAY**

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

*If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:*

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at [www.chick.com](http://www.chick.com).

